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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN AEC AND CNEN

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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH CONGEN OFFICERS DEC. 11, CNEN (NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION) PRESIDENT HERVASIO CARVALHO STATED THAT IMPLEMENTATION COOPERATIVE MEASURES PROPOSED IN MRS. RAY'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 2 HAS BEEN DELAYED, BUT NOT FOR SUBSTANTIVE REASONS. CARVALHO PLANS TO PROCEED ON MRS. RAY'S SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS THE SITUATION PERMITS. HE CITED THREE PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR DELAY: (1) MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI'S ALMOST TOTAL PREOCCUPATION WITH PETROLEUM MATTERS THESE DAYS, WHICH HAS RELEGATED NUCLEAR ENERGY TO SECONDARY POSITION, AT LEAST FOR MOMENT. (CARVALHO COMMENTED THAT HE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIMSELF IN ORDER TO BE SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM AS CNEN PRESIDENT.) HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT UEKI HAD BEEN EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH RAY OCTOBER 2 LETTER; (2) CREATION OF NEW NUCLEBRAS ORGANIZATION, WHICH CARVALHO SAID WOULD COME INTO BEING SHORTLY. HE MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY SERVE AS ACTING PRESIDENT OF NUCLEBRAS UNTIL A PRESIDENT IS NOMINATED. IN MEANTIME, HE STATED, SITUATION WAS ANALOGOUS TO ERDA IN U.S. AND THAT GOB'S NUCLEAR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IS TEMPORARILY BOGGED DOWN; (3) THIS TIME OF YEAR IN BRAZIL IS TRADITIONALLY SLOW PERIOD. CABINET MINISTERS ARE TIED UP WITH YEAR-END CEREMONIAL DUTIES, AWARDS PRESENTATIONS, GRADUATIONS, ETC.

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2. CARVALHO SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO STATE WHEN RAY SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, BUT HE MADE CLEAR THAT DELAYS TO DATE ARE OF PROCEDURAL AND NOT SUBSTANTIVE NATURE. HE ADDED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WERE HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH NOVEMBER 29 LETTER FROM AEC OFFICIAL HERBERT BROWN WHICH CONTAINED A NUMBER OF WELCOME PROPOSALS AND IDEAS.

3. EMBASSY BRASILIA CONCURS ABOVE MESSAGE.
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